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Serial No. 09/331,554) Group: 1651
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Title: ABSORBABLE COMPOSITION CONTAINING)
PROPIONIC BACTERIA CAPABLE OF RELEASING)
NITRIC OXIDE IN THE HUMAN OR ANIMAL)
ALIMENTARY CANAL)

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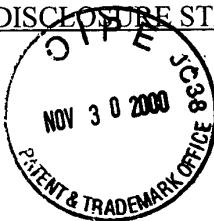
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Sir:



Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that these documents be made of record in the present application.

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